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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In reply to the non-final Office action mailed July 6, 2004, for which a response is due October 6, 2004, please enter the following amendment and consider the remarks in connection with the above-identified pending patent application.

Claims start on page 3.

Remarks start on page 16.